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SUBJ: THIRD SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO  
DRAFT UNIDO CONSTITUTION (IGC-III): CONCLUSION OF  
SESSION

1. IGC-III CLOSED DOWN WITH A FINAL PLENARY MEETING IN  
LATE EVENING OF JULY 9, HAVING MADE RELATIVELY LITTLE PRO-  
GRESS TOWARDS REACHING AGREEMENT ON UNIDO CONSTITUTION EXCEPT  
FOR A NUMBER OF LEGAL PROVISIONS AND FINAL CLAUSES IN  
CHAPTERS VI AND VII ON THE BASIS OF THE WORK OF THE LEGAL  
DRAFTING GROUP WHICH REPORTED BY SEPTEL. AD HOC DRAFTING  
GROUP ON PREAMBLE AND ARTICLES I (OBJECTIVES) AND II  
(FUNCTIONS) EMERGED FROM SEVERAL DIFFICULT MEETINGS WITH  
A LARGE PORTION OF THIS SECTION OF THE TEXT UNAGREED AND  
PASSED BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE IN BRACKETS. NO  
LANGUAGE WAS AGREED UPON EVEN AT LEVEL OF NEGOTIATING  
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COMMITTEE WITH RESPECT TO CENTRAL PROBLEMS OF DEFINITION OF

CONSTITUENT SECTIONS OF DUAL BUDGET, PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION OF THAT PART OF PROGRAM/BUDGET TO BE SUPPORTED BY ASSESSMENTS, AND SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PBC AND IDB. AS REPORTED, SUGGESTIONS OF G77 AND GROUP B ON THESE ISSUES LEAVE CONSIDERABLE GAP TO BE BRIDGED.

2. CLOSING STATEMENTS BY CHAIRMAN (AMBASSADOR MEHTA-INDIA) AND GROUP SPOKESMEN WERE A COMBINATION OF PESSIMISM IN FACE OF DIFFICULT ISSUES THAT STILL REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED AND EXPRESSIONS OF HOPE THAT IGC-IV WOULD SEE A RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS.

3. QUESTION OF HOW TO CONTINUE BEYOND IGC-III, I.E., WHETHER TO SCHEDULE AN ADDITIONAL IGC SESSION, TO CARRY ON FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE OR TO ASK THE 31ST GA FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE WAS SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE GROUP AND CORRIDOR DISCUSSION DURING LAST TWO DAYS OF IGC-III. UPSHOT WAS BROAD AGREEMENT TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER SESSION OF THE IGC LATE IN THE YEAR. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS SOME DESIRE IN THE G77 TO SHIFT THE VENUE OF THE MEETING TO NEW YORK OR GENEVA ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE G-77 WOULD BE MORE BROADLY REPRESENTED IN EITHER OF THESE PLACES THAN IN VIENNA, IT WAS FINALLY AGREED TO CONVENE IGC-IV IN VIENNA. CONFERENCE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM NOV. 2 TO 12 AND FROM NOV. 22 UNTIL CHRISTMAS. GIVEN DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AS TO WHICH OF THESE WOULD BE MORE SUITABLE, WHICH DIFFERENCES COULD NOT BE RESOLVED BY LATE EVENING OF JULY 9 DESPITE A LONG DISCUSSION IN THE CLOSING PLENARY MEETING, THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD POSTPONE A FINAL DECISION UNTIL FURTHER INFORMAL CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER AMONG THE VARIOUS GROUPS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED THE STRONG VIEW THAT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ALLOW THE SESSION TO RUN FOR MORE THAN TWO WEEKS, IF NECESSARY.

4. DEPT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR USDEL TO MODIFY ITS STAND ON QUESTION OF COVERING OVERHEADS GAP THROUGH UNIDO REGULAR BUDGET ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR USE DURING THE SESSION. IN ANY CASE, GIVEN THE GENERALLY DISAGREED STATE OF THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND THE GENERAL HOPE EXPRESSED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES WOULD REVIEW THEIR POSITIONS IN THE INTERVAL PRIOR TO IGC-IV, IT WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE TO UTILIZE THAT CHANGE IN OUR POSITION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS STILL TO COME.

5. RESULTS TO DATE OF AD HOC DRAFTING GROUP WORK ON PREAMBLE AND ARTICLES I AND II BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.

6. DETAILED ANALYSIS OF STATE OF PLAY OF NEGOTIATIONS AT  
CLOSE OF IGC-III, POSSIBLE COMPROMISE ARRANGEMENTS ON  
DISAGREED POINTS AND CHOICES WHICH APPEAR OPEN TO US  
WILL BE PREPARED AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.DALE

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